

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 1, 2014**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 1, 2014 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon with a second by Ken Masters.

**LIBRARY**

The Rushville Public Library's request to expand county wide remains under advisement.

**JUVENILE DETENTION**

Judge David Northam and Probation Office Mark Fields explained the arrangement with Youth Opportunity Center and the need to increase the contracted bed days from 180 to 210 days. The cost for 2015 has increased from \$115 to \$119 per day. Mark Bacon moved to allow the negotiation of the contract. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COURTHOUSE RENOVATION**

Judge Northam extended an invitation to the Commissioners and County Council to dedicate 2015 as the year to educate ourselves on the needs of the courthouse. The Judge explained that we need solid knowledge to determine a plan for renovation.

**RIDE RUSH**

Wanda Henderson representing Ride Rush presented a grant application for 2015. Ken Masters moved to sign the application. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

EMA director Chuck Kemker was granted permission to proceed with a reimbursable grant in the amount of \$8,485.29 for an antenna system to enhance communications at the high school. Ken Masters initiated the motion and Mark Bacon seconded the action. Motion carried.

**DUKE ENERGY**

Ryan Hart of Duke Energy requested a right of way purchase from the county. Hart proposed a payment of \$46,526 for the right of way to construct a switching station adjacent to the county owned property. Mark Bacon moved to allow the request. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF** Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported the inmate count remains at a low count of 30 prisoners. Applications for courthouse security will remain open until December 5<sup>th</sup> with implementation on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Terri Nigh presented the recommendations for appointments to the Rush County Board of Health. The Commissioners made the following appointments: Dr. Fred Phillips and Greg Pratt-4 year appointment; Tai Morrell N.P. and Dr. Jamie Morgan-3 year appointment; Bruce Levi and Dr. Craig Fenimore-2 year appointment and Dr. Russell Daugherty-1 year appointment. Ken Masters moved to approve with Mark Bacon seconding the motion. Joyce Morrell was appointed to the Fiber Board on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters. The Certificate of Appointment for the Alcoholic Beverage Board was signed and the auditor was instructed to re-advertise on the website for EMA director, custodial service, and lawn care.

### **HIGHWAY ORDINANCE**

The commissioners signed an ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Carthage Pike until construction is complete and the ordinance is repealed. Ken Masters moved to sign the ordinance and Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **ANIMAL ORDINANCE**

Deputies of the Rush County Sheriff's Department have concerns about Ordinance #2000-1 (barking dogs). During recent complaints on barking dogs the deputies found no evidence of the problem and have found the ordinance difficult to enforce. After discussion of the issue, Ken Masters moved to repeal Ordinance 2000-1. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **INVESTIGATOR'S CONTRACT**

The Prosecutor requested approval of an independent contractor contract for Catherine Custer. Custer will serve as an investigator in the Prosecutor's office. Ken Masters moved to approve with Mark Bacon seconding the motion. Motion carried.

### **TAX SALE PROPERTIES**

Mayor Mike Pavey sent a request for the Commissioners to assign 7 tax sale certificates that were not sold at the 2014 tax sale to the City of Rushville. Mark Bacon moved for the auditor to assign the certificates. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **AUDITOR**

- A surety bond for Traci Chandler was signed on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon.
- Carthage EMS report was reviewed.

## **CLAIMS**

The Auditor questioned if the EMA Director's claim for clothing that was held from the previous meeting should be paid. Mark Bacon moved that the county pay the \$200 embroidery fee and Mr. Kemker pay the amount for the purchase of the clothing. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims were approved on a motion offered by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **PAYROLL**

Payroll claims were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion.

Ken Masters moved to adjourn. Mark Bacon offered a second. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi  
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon  
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters  
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor